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In re patent application of:

PETER et al.

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Examiner: J. Del Sole

For: **METHOD AND A DEVICE FOR MANUFACTURING A FLEXIBLE
STRIP OF AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT MASSES FLOWABLE WITH
THE ADDITION OF HEAT**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.112

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, made Final, having a mailing date of November 17, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire February 17, 2004.

It is initially noted that claims 13-14 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. The Examiner's indication of patentable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Entry of the within amendment is respectfully requested under rule 1.112 as the amendment cancels withdrawn and rejected claims or otherwise complies with requirements of form set forth in the outstanding Office Action thereby placing all claims in allowable condition.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

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